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1. "The Modra radio factory is a branch of the TECHNOKOV enterprise. The central offices of the firm are located at 2 Dunajska Street in Bratislava. The firm supervises also all radio repair shops located throughout Slovakia.
2. "The production of radio sets in Slovakia has been centralized in the Tesla radio plant, which has several factories in Bratislava. Recently these plants started with serial production of the following type sets:

Tesla-U-407 - 3 plus 1 tubes, with shortwave. Priced at 7,000 Ks.

Talisman-U-306 - 3 plus 1 tubes. [Retail price unknown to informant] These sets are very nicely finished, but the quality of materials, particularly the tubes is very poor. For example, the special tube 'elektronka' of the current production only lasts from six to 12 months. Before World War II the same tubes lasted up to 20 years.
3. "The production of portable Tesla radio sets was discontinued in summer 1952.
4. "Light metals and materials used in the production of radio tubes and various radio parts are in short supply. This hampers not only the production of new sets, but also the current repair work.
5. "The TECHNOKOV enterprise also produces enameled and aluminum kitchen utensils, housewares and bathtubs. During 1952 the production of these goods has been considerably reduced. As a result the State retail shops get their supplies now only once in three months and in limited quantity. Private persons can purchase bathtubs only against special permits, issued by the competent department of their local National Committee or Communist Party branch organization."

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